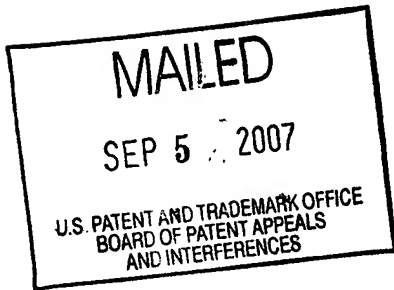


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte BERNHARD LETTMANN

Application 10/018,336

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 28, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

Appellant filed a Reply Brief on April 4, 2007 and an Amendment Under 37 CFR§ 1.111 on June 25, 2007. On August 3, 2007, the Examiner filed a PTOL-90, stating "The reply brief filed 6/25/2007 has been entered and considered." However, there is no indication on the record that the Amendment has been considered, since the dates are incorrect. Furthermore, it is noted, Appellant requested a reopening of prosecution in the reply received June 25, 2007.

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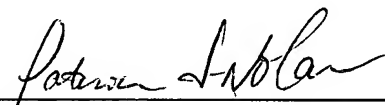
Clarification is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for

- 1) clarification of the communication filed August 3, 2007;
- 2) the request for reopening prosecution filed June 25, 2007; and,
- 3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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